

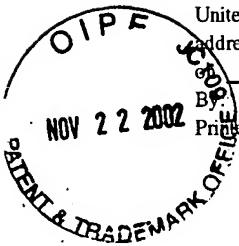
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002, setting a three-month period for response. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please note the period for response has been extended until December 13, 2002, by the accompanying Petition and Fee.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 11 with the following amended version of the claim. For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are listed below.